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1. IN REPLY TO OUR INVITATION, MRS. VILMA SUSKO CAME TO EMBASSY MAY 19. BOTH CONSUL AND COMMERCIAL OFFICER SPOKE WITH HER. INTERVIEW DISCLOSED THAT MRS. SUSKO HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF SON GEORGE'S DESIRE TO BRING HER TO THE UNITED STATES FOR MAY 21 GRANDSON'S FIRST COMMUNION OR AT ANY TIME IN RECENT YEARS. MRS. SUSKO SAID SHE HAS RECEIVED NO VISIT INVITATION FROM HER SON, AND HAS NOT BEEN SETTING ASIDE SAVINGS FROM HER PENSION TO PAY FOR U.S. TRIP. SHE SAID SHE HAS NO SAVINGS, AND LIVES FROM MONTH TO MONTH ON HER PENSION.

2. NOT HAVING AN INTENT TO TRAVEL TO THE U.S., MRS. SUSKO HAS NOT APPLIED FOR REQUISITE HUNGARIAN EXIT PERMISSION. SHE VISITED THE U.S. ONCE PREVIOUSLY FROM NOVEMBER 1970 TO JULY 1971. SHE SHOWED EMBOFFS THE HUNGARIAN PASSPORT UTILIZED FOR THAT TRIP. IT EXPIRED IN 1975 AND HAS NOT BEEN RENEWED.

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3. MRS. SUSKO EXPLAINED THAT SOME THREE OR FOUR YEARS AGO SHE INQUIRED INFORMALLY IN HER SMALL TOWN WHETHER HUNGARIANS COULD PAY THEIR OWN WAY TO THE U.S. IN FORINTS. SHE WAS TOLD NO (BY AN INDIVIDUAL OR OFFICE WHOSE IDENTITY SHE CANNOT RECALL), AND LOST INTEREST. MRS. SUSKO CONFIRMED THAT SHE HAS MADE NO RECENT INQUIRIES ABOUT VISITING THE U.S. GIVEN LACK OF SON'S INVITATION AND HER OWN DISINTEREST IN GOING

THERE. MRS. SUSKO HAS NINE CHILDREN IN HUNGARY AND NUMEROUS GRANDCHILDREN. SHE HAS ONLY ONE SON IN THE U.S.

4. INTEREST SENATOR JAVITS. MRS. SUSKO INDICATED THAT SHE IS WELL, AND THAT IF SON WISHES TO INVITE HER TO U.S. FOR A VISIT, SHE WOULD CONSIDER MAKING THE TRIP. HOWEVER, GIVEN MRS. SUSKO'S MODEST FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES, SON WOULD HAVE TO PAY FOR TRIP.

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